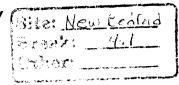


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Roxanne B. Mayer Office of General Counsel Massachusetts DEQE 1 Winter St. Boston, Mass.



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Dear Roxanne,

This is to confirm that EPA has requested the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to identify its applicable or relevant and appropriate standards ("ARARS") for the remedial actions which EPA is studying for New Bedford Harbor, in particular for the "hot spot" interim remedy. My understanding is that this request was first made orally to Helen Waldorf of DEQE, by Frank Ciavattieri of EPA, and that the Commonwealth has begun preparing a response.

We would hope to receive the state's response when we receive the state's comments on the preliminary draft of the Draft Feasibility Study, which the state is now reviewing. We should receive a final update, if there are any outstanding issues, by the close of the public comment period.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions concerning the ARARS for New Bedford. My number is (617) 565-3428.

Yours sincerely,

Charles C. Bering

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cc: Helen Waldorf

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Frank Ciavattieri